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McGall et al.

Examiner: T. Prasthofer

Art Unit: 1627

Application No.: 09/779,389

Filed: February 7, 2001

AMENDMENT

For: METHODS FOR IMPROVED
ARRAY PREPARATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7-9, 11 and 13 to read as follows. Please cancel claim 14.

1. (Amended) A method of preparing a nucleic acid array on a support, said method comprising synthesizing a plurality of nucleic acids on said support wherein

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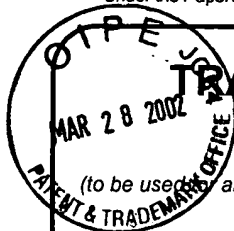
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